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1. NOTE CONTAINED PARA 3 REFTEL DELIVERED JUNE 4 TO PRESIDENT
ICRC EXECUTIVE BOARD ROGER GALLOPIN.

2. PER INSTRUCTIONS PARA 1 REFTEL, WE REVIEWED ORALLY WITH
GALLOPIN THE POSITION REFLECTED IN OUR NOTE AND EXPRESSED
PROFOUND REGRET OF USG THAT ICRC CHOSE COURSE OF ACTION
OUTLINED IN ITS NOTE.

3. GALLOPIN WAS NOTABLY IMPRESSED WITH CONCERN AND FIRMNESS
OF USG POSITION. HE HASTENED TO REITERATE THAT COURSE OF ACTION
BEING FOLLOWED BY ICRC WAS BASED ON DECISION OF FULL ICRC
ASSEMBLY AND STATED ON ENTRE NOUS BASIS THAT HE PERSONALLY
HAD FAVORED A DIFFERENT APPROACH, NAMELY A WEAPONS CONFERENCE
ON A SMALLER SCALE WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF SELECTED EXPERTS.

4. WE INFORMED GALLOPIN THAT USG NOTE WAS CONSIDERED MATTER OF
PUBLIC RECORD AND SOUGHT CONFIRMATION THAT RESPONSES ICRC
RECEIVES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC. ON LATTER
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POINT GALLOPIN EXPLAINED DECISION OF COMMITTEE TO WITHHOLD

INFORMATION COVERING RESPONSES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS
UNTIL END JULY (DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES), AT WHICH TIME ICRC
WILL REVIEW MATTER AND DECIDE ON FURTHER COURSE OF ACTION.

5. WHEN MISOFF STRESSED USG'S INTEREST IN BEING KEPT INFORMED
ON RESPONSES, GALLOPIN INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO INFORM US ON
CONFIDENTIAL BASIS OF REACTIONS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS. IF
THIS ARRANGEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT, MISSION WILL
FOLLOW UP WITH ICRC AND SECURE PERIODIC REPORTS. PLEASE
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